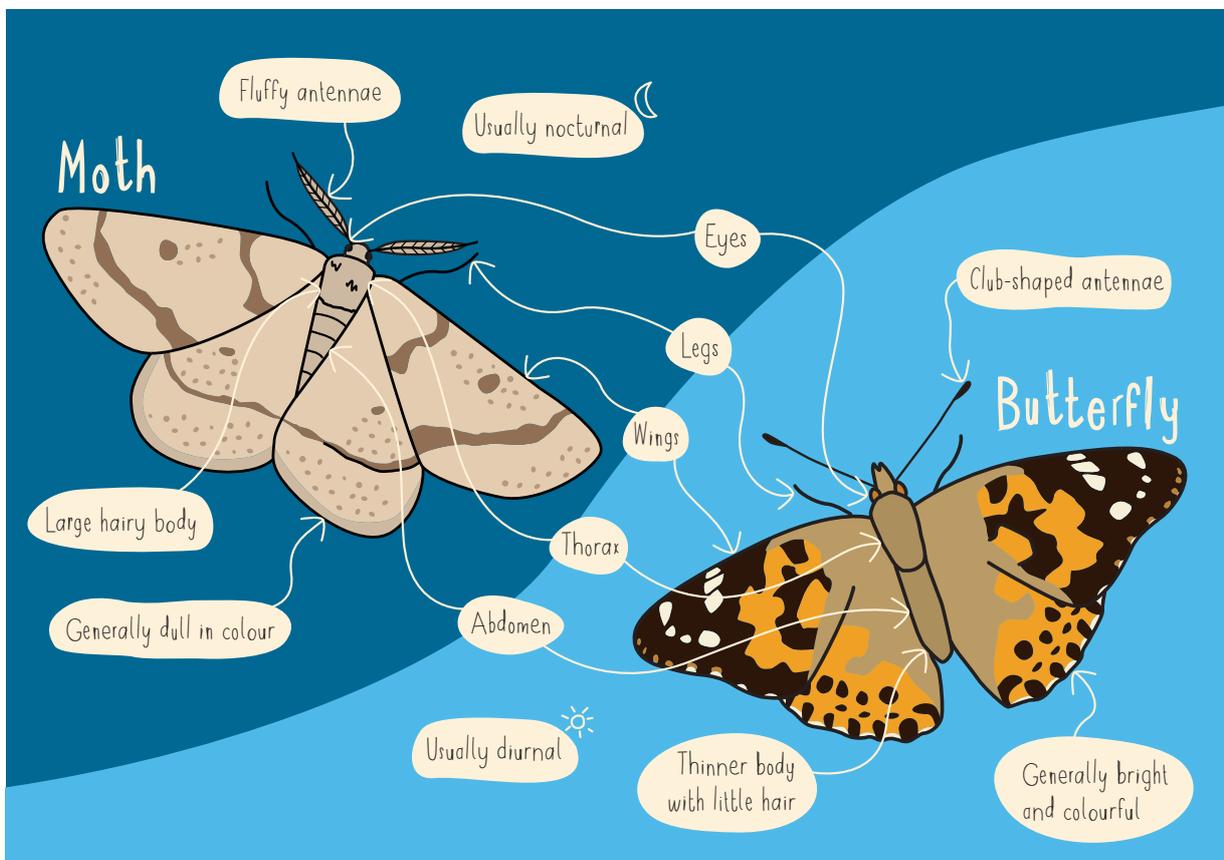


## GO WILD: MOTH RECORDING

Moths and butterflies are insects that belong to the order of animals known as Lepidoptera. Lepidoptera means 'Scaly-winged' this refers to the tiny scales that cover their wings creating the patterns and colours that we see. We have around 2570 species of Lepidoptera in the UK of these 2500 species are moths!

One way to tell the difference between butterflies and moths is to look at how they hold their wings when resting; butterflies typically hold their wings horizontally while moths tend to hold their wings vertically. But there are a few other things to look out for too.



**How many moth species do you have in your area? Here is one method you can use to find out.**

### How to spot Moths

- Hang up a white sheet on a clothes line
- Wait for it to go dark outside
- Turn off nearby lights and shine a lamp or torch on the sheet
- When you start to see some moths start recording!

